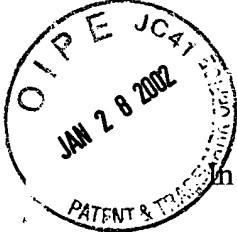


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
EIJI TAKASU, et al.) Examiner: C. Paula
Application No.: 09/148,474) Group Art Unit: 2176
Filed: September 8, 1998)
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
METHOD AND APPARATUS)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)
THEREOF ; December 26, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2001 for an addition one month from November 25, 2001 to Wednesday, December 26, 2001 (the first regular day of business following the Christmas holiday).

Submitted herewith is a check for \$520.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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